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## Highlights

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### LEADING THE NEWS

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#### Corteva to Stop Making Chlorpyrifos Insecticide by Year-End

By Adam Allington

Corteva Agriscience announced Wednesday it will stop production of chlorpyrifos by the end of the year.

#### Interior Allows for Coal Mining in Former Utah Monument Land (1)

By Bobby Magill

The Trump administration has finalized plans to allow logging in parts of Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, and coal mining and other minerals development in areas carved out of the monuments.

## **EPA's California Regional Boss Abruptly Leaves Agency (1)**

By Stephen Lee

Michael Stoker, administrator of the EPA Region 9 that covers California, Nevada, and Arizona, abruptly left the agency late Wednesday.

## **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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### **Austin Sues to Stop \$2 Billion Pipeline Construction**

By Maya Earls

Construction on a natural gas pipeline in Texas will illegally put endangered species at risk, the City of Austin says in a new lawsuit.

## **CAPITOL HILL**

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### **Carbon Storage, Direct Air Capture Bill Gains Momentum**

By Dean Scott

A bill that has already gotten bipartisan Senate backing to spur underground storage and direct air capture of carbon dioxide emissions gained momentum Thursday, as top House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats praised the measure even as they called for significant changes.

### **Trillion Tree Plan Could Be Centerpiece of GOP Climate Package**

By Dean Scott

Republicans in Congress said Wednesday that President Donald Trump's embrace of a global tree-planting initiative could make the proposal a centerpiece of a forthcoming GOP climate change package.

## **CLIMATE**

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### **Meat Consumption Becomes Policy Battle Over EU Green Deal**

By Joe Kirwin

Reducing meat consumption and intensive livestock farming have become divisive issues as the new European Commission pushes forward with its Green Deal to achieve carbon neutrality.

### **Merkel's Power Model Seen Wrecking Germany's Climate Targets**

By Brian Parkin and William Wilkes

Germany's government has underestimated the nation's electricity needs over the coming decade with holes in recent forecasts likely to sink the country's plans to slash emissions.

### **Kremlin Aide Tells Companies to Prepare for Harsh EU Carbon Tax**

By Natasha Doff

Russian President Vladimir Putin's top adviser on climate change warned big businesses that they need to start preparing for harsher carbon regulations from the European Union.

### **Muni-Bond Market Taps Satellite Data to Assess Climate Risk**

By Amanda Albright and Mallika Mitra

The \$3.8 trillion municipal-bond market has found a new tool in its effort to understand the impact of climate change: the array of satellites orbiting high above Earth.

## **AIR, WATER, AND WASTE**

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### **EPA, Hawaii Accused of Overlooking Microplastics in Water**

By Maya Earls

The EPA failed to consider the polluting effects of microplastics when approving lists of at-risk bodies of water in Hawaii, a nonprofit said in federal court in Hawaii.

### **North Carolina Court Approves Duke Coal Ash Deal**

By Andrew M. Ballard

A North Carolina court has approved a settlement over closing Duke Energy Corp.'s remaining coal ash ponds in the state.

### Canada Environment Agency Examining Ford Emissions Certification

By James Munson

Canada is looking into whether the Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. broke the law in how it certifies vehicles to meet emissions standards, nearly a year after U.S. authorities opened a similar investigation.

## **CHEMICALS**

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### California Increases Scrutiny of 'Forever Chemicals' in Water

By Emily C. Dooley

California has lowered the level at which water suppliers must install treatment, remove wells from service, or notify customers when two PFAS compounds are found in drinking water.

### Rule Restricting PFAS in Imported Goods Coming by June, EPA Says

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA must issue a final regulation restricting imported products with older "forever chemicals" by June, the head of the agency's chemical and pesticides offices said Thursday.

### Spate of Texas Chemical Accidents Leads to Investigations, Suits

By Fatima Hussein

A fire at a Chesapeake Energy Corp. gas well Jan. 30 that killed three workers is at least the seventh incident in the Houston area since mid-2018 to trigger a probe by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, a marked increase in scrutiny by the agency.

## Chemical Safety Agency Allows Extra Time to Report Accidents

By Fatima Hussein

After years of legal challenges and a court order to establish a plan, the federal chemical safety board issued a final rule requiring companies to disclose chemicals released in explosions or other accidents.

## Prepare for 'Forever Chemicals' Lawsuits, Swedish Military Told

By Marcus Hoy

Sweden's armed forces should prepare for more damage claims resulting from contamination with PFAS, the nation's Environment Ministry said.

## **COURTS AND LAW**

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### What Lawyers Can Learn From Burford's Financial Results

By Roy Strom

Burford Capital this week released most of its 2019 financial results. What matters most for investors in the numbers isn't the same as what attorneys interested in litigation finance should be watching.

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